Express Mail Label No. ET 839122735 US 1 2 U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 3 In re Application of: McDonald Robinson et al. Prior Examiner: Kevin Turner 5 Prior Art Unit: 1107 Title: Silicon-Germanium-Carbon Compositions 6 Attorney Docket No. Lawrence 712 and Processes Thereof 7 Prior Application No. 08/336,949 8 Filing Date: November 13, 2001 9 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Examiner: After a filing date is granted, please enter this preliminary amendment and consider the †7 18 following remarks before examination of the claims. 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Before the first sentence on the first page of the specification, please add: -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/336,949, filed on November 10, 1994, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel claims 10, 12, 16, 25, 27, 45, 47, and 48 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matters. 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

1 **REMARKS** 2 3 This preliminary amendment cancels claims 10, 12, 16, 25, 27, 45, 47, and 48. Claim 8 is 4 pending in the application. 5 6 Please call the undersigned regarding any questions, comments, or if it will expedite the 7 progress of the application. 8 9 Respectfully Submitted, 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Kobert moll Robert Moll Reg. No. 33,741 Robert Moll 21 @PatentPlanet 22 1173 St. Charles Court 23 Los Altos, CA 94024 24 Tel: 650-567-9153 25 Fax: 650-567-9183 26 Email: rgmoll@patentplanet.com 27 28 29

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